

PAIERS OF VAGRANCY LEAD TO HEMPSTEAD

Taxpayers Wonder at the
Enormous Increase
in Arrests.

Costing the Town Nearly \$40,000
a Year for Short Term
Imprisonments.

County Board's Counsel to Investigate
as to Why Such Hordes In-
fest the Place.

CAUSE OF BIG EXPENSE BILLS.

Eighty-three Persons in One Month Con-
victed of Vagrancy—A Constable's
Charges Over \$500 in the
Same Time.

Taxpayers of the town of Hempstead, Queens County, Long Island, think the fees paid to the town justices and deputy sheriffs or constables are much more than they should be. The fact that some of the officers and justices are drawing over \$500 a month each has caused indignant protests to be made by many citizens.

George W. Smith, Town Supervisor and member of the County Board of Supervisors, thinks that the strict enforcement of the Vagrancy law is the reason for the large fees. Mr. Smith said Friday:

"The taxpayers of this town of Hempstead are paying about \$40,000 to the justices and petty law officers that they should not receive, and I am determined to stop it if I can by legal means."

It is believed by Mr. Smith and others that the justices and their officers are arresting an unusually large number of vagrants. Under the State law every person who is convicted of being a tramp can be sent to the State Penitentiary for a term, but if the "rover of the road" is merely convicted of vagrancy he goes to the County Jail, usually for a short term.

Counsel to Investigate.

Mr. Smith recently published the following in a Queens County paper:

FIFTY DOLLAR REWARD.
A reward of fifty dollars will be paid by the town of Hempstead for evidence that will convict any officer of the town of Hempstead in passing off or convicting tramps as vagrants and committing them to the County Jail instead of to the Penitentiary, where the law provides tramps shall be sent.

GEO. W. SMITH, Supervisor.
Dated Nov. 4, 1896.

At the meeting of the County Board of Queens County in Long Island City, Friday, Mr. Smith brought the matter to the notice of the other supervisors, and a resolution was adopted providing that counsel be requested to examine into the matter and learn if legal steps could be taken to prevent the arrest and conviction of so many tramps in Hempstead.

Before the present set of officers came into power the town of Hempstead thought their little town was free from objectionable persons of all kinds. The new officials began to arrest and convict tramps, who were convicted and sentenced to short terms in the county jail at Long Island City. The people commended the zeal of their officers, but the large number of bills came. Then there was a protest against their size. The justices of the peace, who have been the cause of the majority of the town bills and pass on their own bills and those of their officers, and they were approved.

A deputy sheriff or constable arresting a tramp takes him before a justice, who sometimes is far away from the point of arrest, thus making a large mileage. The justice hears the charge. It may be that the tramp declares himself to be a resident of Queens County, and the sentence is for a month or five or ten days in the county jail.

Big Expense to the Town.

The size of the bills of the justices and Deputies of Hempstead is shown by the report of the proceedings of the Town Board published in the South Side Observer, of Rockwell Center, a small town in Hempstead. The report of the meeting was published in the Observer of October 16 and bills were audited by the justices coming there heard and the Town Clerk. The bills were for the previous three months and the total amount was \$13,348, and of this sum, says the Observer, \$9,570 was for fees of justices of the peace. Deputy Sheriffs and constables. Justice George W. Smith got for fifty-two days the sum of \$1,750. One constable, James J. Heerlich, received for his three months work \$1,510.80, of which \$25 was for killing twenty-six dogs. That constable's earnings are \$200 a month. His other bills ordered paid, all for three months, were as follows:

Francis H. Taylor, Justice.....	\$385
E. H. Wheeler, Justice.....	181
J. M. Ward, Justice.....	224
R. J. Ream, Constable.....	224
W. J. Wilson, Constable.....	1,122
S. L. Johnson, Constable.....	1,122
S. T. Williams, Deputy Sheriff.....	730
W. H. Rhoads, Deputy Sheriff.....	730

The Observer says that some of the items of expense for taking tramps and "drunks" to the county jail run from \$7.15 to \$7.35. Deputy Sheriff Alexander Rhodes, who is located at Freeport, charged and was paid \$83.25 for taking nine prisoners to Long Island City. He charged as high as \$9 each for some of the prisoners.

All of the justices of Hempstead are busy, but the man who is kept the busiest is the Town Clerk, who has a station on the Long Island Railway in Hempstead. According to the reports published in the South Side Observer, and pronounced correct by County Clerk Sutphen, Justice Seamen, on October 3, sentenced five vagrants. October 10 he had nine men before him for minor offenses. Four days later the vagrants faced Seamen, and all were convicted.

During the days in which Seamen held court in October he had eighty prisoners before him. During that month, Justice Wheeler, Taylor, Smith and Seamen of Hempstead, tried 147 cases of vagrancy or intoxication. Forty-three persons claiming to be residents of Queens County were convicted in the one month for vagrancy.

Citizens Want to Know.

Mr. Southard, editor of the Observer, recently called on Sheriff Henry Doht and asked to see a list of the commitments made from Hempstead from October 1 up to the present time. The Sheriff told him to show the papers, but Mr. Southard got the information he wanted from the County Clerk, with whom the certificates of convictions are filed. Regarding the matter Mr. Southard writes as follows:

Why have current expenses connected with our justice courts and the duties of constables and other officers increased so wonderfully during the past year? How is it that Hempstead is overrun with vagrants, and have more of that class of offenders than in all the other towns combined? Why do the town of Hempstead become the drunkest town in the county, having more convictions than in all the rest of the county? Many people are also wondering how it is that so many "tramps" are sent into town, and that among the hundreds no tramps can be found? This is thought by many to be the only part of the State of New York which is never visited by tramps—all vagrants. People are also wondering why so many vagrants are sentenced for only five or ten days and then allowed to go discharged and then at large again and again during the season. The people who pay their taxes have a right to receive information on these questions."

WHITES GREEDY FOR LAND

In Order to Secure Eighty Acres They Are
Ready to Marry Young Kickapoo
poo Squaws.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 20.—The greed for land in the West never had a more striking exemplification than in the fact that the young Kickapoo squaws are finding white men ready to marry them to secure possession of their choice allotments along the North Canadian, in the fertile valley of the Kickapoo country, thirty miles east of this city. These squaws are most repulsive and are without a single redeeming feature. Their one garment—a sort of Mother Hubbard, made of Government blankets, with a hole for the head—is worn without change until it is in shreds.

This Kickapoo country, which was opened to settlement during the past Summer, is the grand spot of Oklahoma, and the bottom lands may well cause the white man to long to possess them. The Kickapoos certainly secured the finest portion of the fertile reservation in allotments, but if the white man can possess the land in patience for a few years he can obtain them without making such a great sacrifice for the Kickapoo as rapidly passing away.

The tribe numbers less than 300, and is in no way civilized. Its members have descended from the ancestors in a marked degree, especially in a physical sense. They still wear the primitive form of dress, using Government blankets in place of skins. The Kickapoos stubbornly refuse to learn the English language, and those who have been forced to learn it refuse to speak it.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the world; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high—Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, I, 1-3.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the father and was manifested unto us)—John's First Epistle, I, 1, 2.

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BUST OF DAYTON AS A TRIBUTE.

Post Office Employees Plan-
ning to Honor Their
Chief.

Propose That His Image in
Bronze Shall Remain
When He Goes.

Intend to Have It Erected by the Time
McKinley's Appointee
Arrives.

FOUR THOUSAND TO SUBSCRIBE.

The Bust Will Not Be Put in the Corridor
as Pearson's Is, but Will Stand
in the Postmaster's
Room.

creeds of Christianity are expressed in these quotations from the apostles:

Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine continued to them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.—Timothy III, 16.

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HEEDLESS WOMEN.

They Pay a Sad Penalty for Their Neglect.

If women only heeded first symptoms—nervousness, backache, headache, lassitude, loss of appetite and sleep; palpitation, melancholy, "blues," etc., and at once removed the cause with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, there would be much less suffering.

But they are careless, or their physician is to blame, and they drift into some distressing female disease. The Vegetable Compound at once removes all irregularities of the monthly period; inflammation, ulceration and displacement of the womb, and all female troubles. All druggists have it. Write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., if you wish for advice, which she will give you free.

"I should not be alive to-day, if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was suffering greatly from an attack of female weakness, and nothing I had tried could give me relief; when by the advice of a friend I began the Compound. After using it two months I was a different girl, and now at the end of six I am entirely cured."—Mrs. ANNIE KINKLAND, Patchogue, L. I.

Deaths.

JAMES.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 29, Amos C. James.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Religious Notices.

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In Cooper Union

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Dear Editor: Please inform your readers that I have written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter the plan for the relief of the suffering. I have no scheme to extort money from any one. I was robbed and swindled by guile until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and anxious to make the certain means of cure known to all. Having nothing to sell or send C. O. D., I want no money. Address, JAMES J. HILL, Box 221, Detroit, Mich.

MANIFESTATION OF THE LIFE THAT SAVES THE UNIVERSE. Every virtue and every moral truth is a manifestation of God. Begotten of God, born of the Virgin and the Son of God, the son of man brings to humanity a new, clear and tangible conception of the perfect life.

Speaking further, he answered the charge that had been brought against him to the effect that he looked to science to find when the breath of divine life was breathed into man. In this score he said:

"I do not wonder that men doubt the incarnation. Sometimes wonder that I myself believe it. I have often been asked by perplexed questioners to give in a few sentences a definition of the divinity of Christ. Jesus has not merely revealed immortality. We may say He has created it."

The body, he said, is changed with death. Those who expect to greet their friends in the next life in the same physical form as they know them in this will be disappointed.

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CAN THEY DESTROY TYPHOID GERMS?

German Bacteriologists Ex-
perimenting with a New
Life Saver.

Believe They Have Found Anti-
Typhoid Substances in
the Blood.

Inoculation of Their "Typus Anti-Tox-
ine," They Claim, Can Be
Easily Executed.

OF IMMENSE VALUE IN EPIDEMICS.

This Latest Medical Discovery May Prove the
Means of Saving Numberless Lives
in the Future—Report Soon to
Be Published.

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that exemption from typhus germs, like immunity from cholera germs and other contagious diseases of like character, may be traced back to the existence in the blood of anti-typhoid substances and from this standpoint the very successful results of the investigation have been gained.

That this theory is most important and practical is realized when the vitality of the typhus bacillus, as discovered by Koch, Ebenth and Klebs, is given consideration. The typhoid bacillus is known to exist largely in well and spring water, and the fact that they are frequently the direct cause of infection is widely recognized by authorities on bacteriology.

This latest discovery may prove in the future the means of preserving numberless lives, particularly as man is susceptible to attack from these bacilli, during the best years of his development—twenty to twenty-five years.

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